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Crop Weather 2004 Pecan Production Onions

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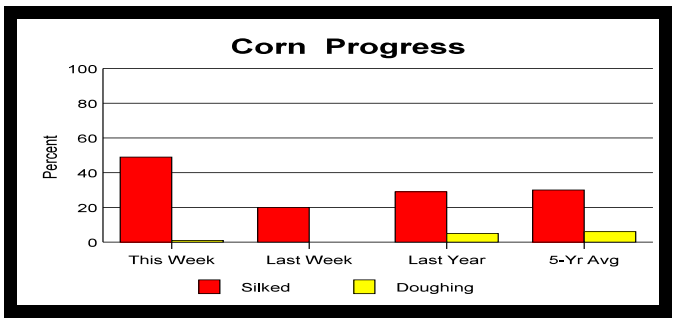
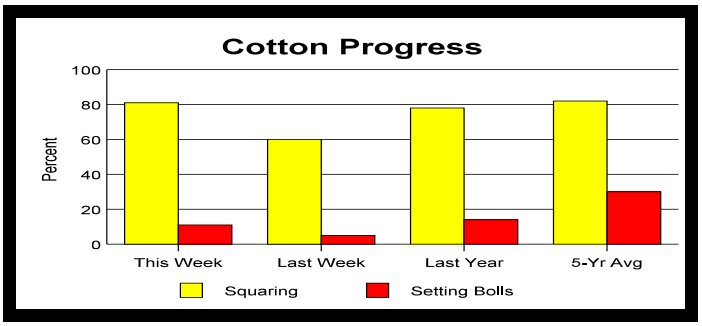
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 10, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 33% very short, 40% short and 27% adequate. Wind damage was 19% light, 13% moderate and 1% severe. Farmers were busy irrigating and harvesting crops. Lea county reported hail damage to corn, chile, alfalfa and cotton and over 600 acres of cotton was reported to have either ascochyta blight or sore shin. Alfalfa was in fair to excellent condition with 97% of the second cutting complete and 63% of the third cutting complete. Cotton was 81% squared, 11% setting bolls and condition was reported as 5% very poor, 10% poor, 55% fair, 16% good and 14% excellent. Corn was in mostly fair to good condition and was 49% silked and 1% doughed. Sorghum was 1% headed and condition was 17% poor, 59% fair, 23% good and 1% excellent . Wheat was 97% harvested. Peanuts were in mostly fair to excellent condition with 61% pegged. Chile condition was 1% very poor, 10% poor, 30% fair, 48% good and 11% excellent. There was a misprint in the last issue and onions should have read 75% harvested. Onions were 76% harvested. Apples were in fair to good condition. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition. Ranchers were busy maintaining water and herds and are hoping for moisture across the state. Cattle was reported as 12% poor, 32% fair, 44% good and 12% excellent. Sheep were 5% very poor, 20% poor, 48% fair, 21% good and 6% excellent. Range and pasture was reported as 7% very poor, 27% poor, 40% fair, 23% good and 3% excellent.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

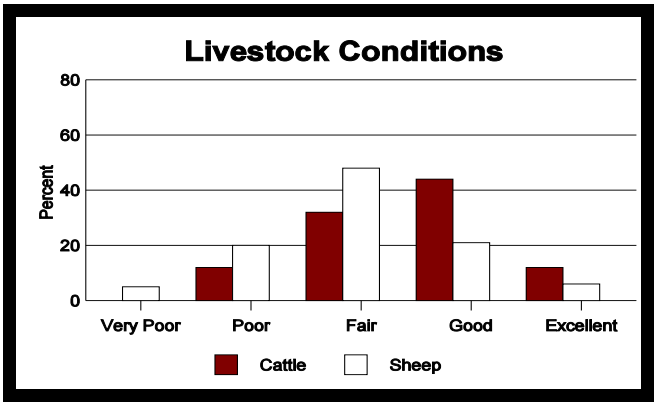
CROP PROGRESS		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
CORN	Silked	49	20	29	30
CORN	Doughing	1	N/A	5	6
COTTON	Squaring	81	60	78	82
COTTON	Setting Bolls	11	5	14	30
ONIONS	Harvested	76	75	73	76
PEANUTS	Pegging	61	31	50	50
SORGHUM	Headed	1	N/A	2	1
WHEAT (ALL)	Harvested	97	88	91	95





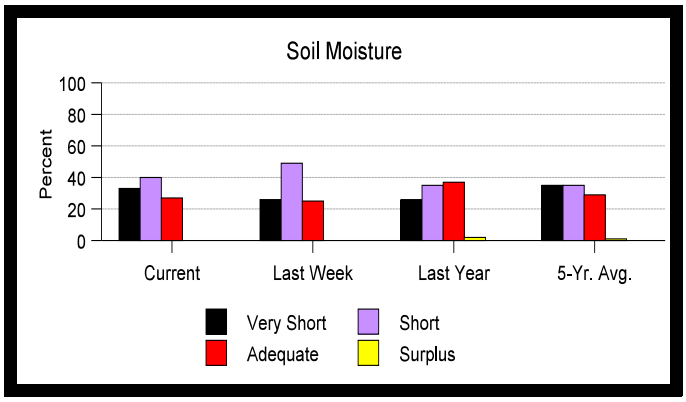
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	--	--	49	29	22
Apples	--	--	50	50	--
Chile	1	10	30	48	11
Corn	--	3	33	58	6
Cotton	5	10	55	16	14
Peanuts	--	5	19	61	15
Pecan	--	--	33	25	42
Sorghum (All)	--	17	59	23	1
Cattle	--	12	32	44	12
Sheep	5	20	48	21	6
Range/Pasture	7	27	40	23	3



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	28	55	17	--
Northeast	25	38	37	--
Southwest	63	37	--	--
Southeast	25	36	37	2
State Current	33	40	27	--
State-Last Week	26	49	25	--
State-Last Year	26	35	37	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	35	35	29	1



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures for the week were close to normal for most of the state. Afternoon readings hit 100 degrees at the lower elevation stations in the south. Most of the western counties remained dry while afternoon and early night-time thunderstorms favored the northeast quarter of the state. Some of the storms produced strong winds and large hail, especially early in the week. Greatest precipitation totals included Clovis with 1.88 inches, Tucumcari with 1.29, and Roy with 1.15 inches.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JULY 3 - 10, 2005

	Temperature			Precipitation				
Station	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	07/04 07/10	07/01 07/10	Normal Jul	01/01 07/10	Normal Jan-Jun
Farmington	76.7	98	53	0.00	0.00	0.94	4.73	4.31
Gallup	71.6	94	50	0.00	0.00	1.91	6.63	6.10
Capulin	65.1	86	44	0.12	0.12	3.25	10.09	10.52
Chama	63.5	87	39	0.00	0.00	2.24	15.05	11.08
Johnson Ranch	67.9	94	35	0.00	0.00	1.66	5.56	5.43
Las Vegas	69.0	91	48	0.22	0.27	3.20	10.44	9.60
Los Alamos	72.7	90	55	0.00	0.00	3.25	9.28	9.66
Raton	65.9	88	44	0.27	0.29	2.66	9.11	9.82
Red River	59.2	82	37	0.00	0.00	3.01	14.18	11.93
Santa Fe	74.8	94	50	0.00	0.00	2.38	7.46	7.64
Clayton	74.9	94	55	0.05	0.05	2.70	9.23	9.00
Clovis	76.6	94	58	1.88	1.88	2.56	8.61	9.57
Roy	69.4	87	51	1.15	1.15	2.97	10.72	9.03
Tucumcari	77.6	96	52	1.29	1.29	3.30	10.18	8.57
Grants	70.1	94	41	0.00	0.00	1.76	4.91	4.79
Quemado	65.6	91	41	0.05	0.05	2.37	5.56	6.56
Silver City	0.0	0	0	0.00	0.00	2.65	9.34	7.55
Albuquerque	81.8	97	64	0.00	0.00	1.37	5.94	4.42
Carrizozo	79.4	99	56	0.00	0.00	2.05	7.11	5.55
Socorro	79.9	100	56	0.00	0.00	1.44	4.28	3.94
Gran Quivera	75.4	95	54	0.12	0.12	2.81	8.37	7.52
Moriarty	71.6	98	46	0.00	0.00	2.38	7.21	6.37
Ruidoso	69.7	90	48	0.15	0.15	4.02	9.04	10.99
Carlsbad	85.6	104	66	0.07	0.07	1.79	4.64	5.74
Roswell	81.9	101	64	0.01	0.01	1.99	4.24	6.74
Tatum	77.8	96	59	0.10	0.18	2.52	6.34	8.69
Alamogordo	86.4	102	70	0.00	0.00	2.23	6.55	5.51
Animas	85.4	103	66	0.00	0.00	2.26	5.25	4.74
Deming	82.4	105	57	0.18	0.18	2.15	3.97	4.43
Las Cruces	84.3	104	66	0.00	0.00	1.36	4.35	3.63
T or C	85.1	102	68	0.00	0.00	1.86	3.50	4.44

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

2004 PECAN PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Pecan production in New Mexico totaled 39 million pounds in 2004, a low bearing year in the alternating cycle of our trees. This was 29 percent lower than 2003's 55 million pounds, but 8 percent higher than 2002's 36 million pounds, the previous low bearing year in the cycle. Price per pound increased $1.00 to $2.28, the highest price in the country. The low supply with 2004 being an off year and the weather damage in Georgia, plus the high quality of this year's crop contributed to the high prices. Value of production totaled $88.9 million, compared to $70.4 million the year before, and $45 million in 2002.

UNITED STATES: Pecan production for 2004 is estimated at 92,900 tons, a 34 percent decrease from 2003. The crop showed an 18 percent increase in value, to 327 million dollars.

All Pecans: Utilized Production, Price and Value of Production, State and U.S., 2003-2004

State	Utilized Production		Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	----------1,000 Pounds---------		----------Dollars----------		----------1,000 Dollars---------	
Improved Varieties[1/]						
AL	7,000	1,000	0.940	1.210	6,580	1,210
AZ	22,500	14,000	1.040	1.850	23,400	25,900
AR	1,400	1,000	1.100	1.400	1,540	1,400
CA	3,700	3,500	1.420	2.210	5,254	7,735
FL	500	400	1.000	1.500	500	600
GA	60,000	42,000	1.000	1.770	60,000	74,340
LA	4,000	2,500	1.080	1.400	4,320	3,500
MS	4,800	700	0.860	1.300	4,128	910
NM	**55,000**	**39,000**	**1.280**	**2.280**	**70,400**	**88,920**
NC	2,200	70	0.850	2.000	1,870	140
OK	1,500	6,000	1.120	1.600	1,680	9,600
SC	3,300	800	0.850	1.800	2,805	1,440
TX	37,000	28,000	1.110	1.840	41,070	51,520
U.S.	202,900	138,970	1.100	1.920	223,547	267,215
Native & Seedling						
AL	1,000	100	0.690	0.840	690	84
AR	2,400	700	0.720	1.200	1,728	840
FL	1,600	100	0.600	0.950	960	95
GA	15,000	3,000	0.640	1.240	9,600	3,720
KS	2,000	1,800	0.870	1.750	1,740	3,150
LA	16,000	6,500	0.680	0.950	10,880	6,175
MS	2,200	300	0.500	0.800	1,100	240
NC	300	30	0.500	1.500	150	45
OK	4,500	22,000	0.800	1.350	3,600	29,700
SC	1,200	300	0.720	1.400	864	420
TX	33,000	12,000	0.690	1.270	22,770	15,240
U.S.	79,200	46,830	0.683	1.280	54,082	59,709
All Pecans	282,100	185,800	0.984	1.760	277,629	326,924

[1/] Budded, grafted, or top-worked varieties.

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ONIONS

NEW MEXICO: Onion growers in New Mexico planted 7,400 acres and expect to harvest 7,200 acres. With 80% of the crop reported harvested, expected yields are reaching 550 hundredweight per acre giving an expected total state production of 3,960,000 hundredweight.

UNITED STATES: Onion growers expect to harvest 159,920 acres of onions in 2005, down 4 percent from comparable States last year. Spring onion growers harvested 34,600 acres, down 3 percent from last season. Summer, non-storage onion growers expect to harvest 22,400 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Storage onion growers plan to harvest 102,920 acres in 2005, down 5 percent from comparable States last season.

Onions: Area Planted, Harvested, Yield Per Acre, and Production, 2004-2005[1/]

	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
Season and State	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	----------Acres----------				----------1,000 Cwt.----------			
SPRING[2/]								
AZ	1,600	2,300	1,600	2,300	500	510	800	1,173
CA	7,300	7,500	7,100	7,300	505	440	3,586	3,212
GA	16,500	13,500	14,500	11,000	260	240	3,770	2,640
TX	14,500	15,500	12,500	14,000	310	275	3,875	3,850
TOTAL	**39,900**	**38,800**	**35,700**	**34,600**	**337**	**314**	**12,031**	**10,875**
SUMMER NON-STORAGE[2/]								
CA	8,800	9,000	8,400	8,600	560	450	4,704	3,870
NV	3,400	2,400	3,400	2,400	640	640	2,176	1,536
NM	**7,300**	**7,400**	**7,100**	**7,200**	**515**	**550**	**3,657**	**3,960**
TX	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,800	370	370	1,036	1,036
WA	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,400	350	370	525	518
TOTAL	**23,900**	**23,100**	**23,200**	**22,400**	**521**	**488**	**12,098**	**10,920**
STORAGE[3/]	**114,300**	**105,420**	**108,550**	**102,920**	**534**	**--**	**57,933**	**--**
U.S. - ALL	**178,100**	**167,320**	**167,450**	**159,920**	**490**	**--**	**82,062**	**--**

[1/] Estimates for 2004 revised. [2/] Primarily fresh market. [3/] Yield and production for 2005 will be published October 3, 2005.